

cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:20-21 NIV).

Do Christians love one another anymore? Do we love only our denomination members, or do we love all our brothers and sisters in Christ as we are commanded to do? (Gal. 6:10 NIV) Do we pray for one another? What do you do for the other denominations you once thought of as evil? Do you just fold your arms and watch? Or do you actually pray for them?

If you have the love of God in you, you will pray for all Christians instead of condemning them and classifying them as dead, false, evil, enemies, spiritless or other negative things. If we Christians are to achieve our aim, we need to come together and reason together. Are there denominations

in heaven? If so, whose denomination...

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then will it be? If not then what is heaven going to look like? Which doctrines will be held up in Heaven?

Is it yours? Or mine? It is going to be God's not ours

If you want to be there the best way is to come together in unity and love. Therefore, it is imperative for us as Christians to forgive one another as the Bible says: "Forgive so that you will be forgiven (Mark 11:25b NIV) Having genuinely forgiven each other, we have peace with God and with another as the Bible Says: "Be at peace with each other".(Mark. 9:50c NIV)

If you are willing you can pray this prayer. Oh Lord God, thank you for the work of my salvation, which you did on the cross for me and others, thank you for your love. Help me Oh Lord to love

others and to have let unity and love bind us and lead us together. AMEN.

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So many people are thinking that their own denomination is the only true and the right way to Heaven. They add that our denomination is the only Biblical as well as Spiritual denomination and so all others are just wasting their time and will not be there in the end. Many also call other churches dead, while others say that church or this church is fake just as Jesus predicted. Therefore, these reasons and accusations somehow take away

the peace and the unity that is supposed to be in the Church of God. Where is the church going to? Christians have forgotten their original calling, which is *"to evangelize the whole world"* (Mtt.28:19 NIV) but instead, they are only trying to serve their own denomination and make it tops,

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with or without Jesus being preached to the all nations, some denominations concentrate on fancy church buildings, creating bias and so on.

Denominational differences have made it hard for Christians to think that they are one family,

all members of the same body of Christ. In Mark's gospel, as Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem for the last time, he asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had been arguing about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:33-35 NIV)....

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This shows that there were controversies even between the disciples of Jesus. But Jesus, who knew all their thoughts, said whoever

wants to be the best must learn to be the servant of all.

This takes humility on the part of those who follow Jesus. Do the Churches today practice humility? How do we approach other denominations in our location today?

Many denominations have now turned to do the work of condemning others. Which is the same as judging others and the Scripture says. "Do not judge so that you will not be judged" (Matt7:1 NIV). Jesus further states in Mark 9:40, NIV "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

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Why then are the churches so good in criticizing others? Some go to the

extent of acting like another denomination is their enemy. With everything happening today, especially in North-East (NE) Nigeria, Christians are supposed to come together and get along as the body of Christ. All Christians are to be one in Christ and let unity bind us together. Is Christ divided? (1 Corinthians 1:13NIV). Remember, the Bible says:

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Eph 2:21-22 NIV)

Remember what Jesus also said:

If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his

brother, whom he has seen...

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